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By the grace of God King of England, Scotland, Fraunce, and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c. TO all to whome these presents shall come, greting. WHEREAS diuers great Deceipts and abuses tending not only to the prejudice of vs in our Customes and other duties, but also to the great deceipt and hinderance of many of our louing subiects are dayly practised & committed by diuers persons vsing or exercising the Art, Misterie, and Trade of Dying, and colouring of Woolles, Yarnes, Clothes, Berses, Dozens, Bayes, Sayes, Knit-hose, Cottons, Rugges, and other Clothes, Stuffes, and Commodities within this our Realme and Dominions of the same, being for the most parte dyed and coloured with such Colours as are not perfect nor durable, but doe within short time decay and weare out, or otherwise become so stayned and changed in such sort, as they grow thereby altogether vnprofitable and vnfit for the vse of our louing subiects, and yet are vttered and sold as for good and perfect Colours, to the great losse, hinderance, and detriment of such of our louing subiects as doe or shall buy or vse the same, and to the discredit, and slaunder of the said Cõmodities both at home and in all other forraine parts, being the principall Comodities of our Realme, and yet the prizes and rates of the same Dyings and Colourings are become so great and high by only seeming in shew to be good, as thereby the prizes of all kinds of the foresaid Commodities are not only much encreased & raysed, but the same also exceedingly discredited both at home & abroad. Now for asmuch as our trustie and welbeloued seruants and subiects Sir Arthure Aston knight, John Acamonty, Richard Harding Esquiers, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke Gentlemen, haue by their owne proper labour and industrie, and at their owne great costs, charges, and expences, found out not only the true and perfect meanes of working & dying with certen woodes which by the laws & statutes of this Realme are forbidden to be vsed in the Art of Dying, But also a secret not heretofore discouered in Commiring and Compounding certen stuffe or stuffes with the said Woodes or some of them for the binding and firing of the Colours to be made therewithall, with which composition, and with other grounds to be vsed in the Art of Dying, they haue vndertaken to Dye and Colour, and to giue directions to die and colour, or cause to be dyed or coloured, All or any kinds of Woolles, Yarnes, Clothes, Berses, Dozens, Bayes, Sayes, Knit-hose Cottons, Rugges, and all & euery other stuffes and Commodities whatsoeuer vsed or occupied within our Realme of England or the Dominions thereof or of any part thereof with good & durable dyes and colours, such as shall continue, endure, and hould out all maner of wearing, tryalls, and also to vtter and sell the same at conuenient and reasonable prizes.

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AND WE for thereforе that wee greatly tendring and affecting the publique and generall good and profite of all our louing Subiects, and for the aduancement of the trade and traffique of Clothes and other the premisses into all forraine parts, in consideration of the premisses, and for diuers other waightie causes vs thereunto especially mouing, Of our especiall grace, certen knowledge, and meere motion, Haue giuen and graunted, and by these presents for vs, our heires, and Successors doe giue and graunt full, free, and lawfull power, licence and authoritie vnto the said Sir Arthure Aston, John Acamonty, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke and eyther of them, their and euery of their executors administrators and assignes and euery of them, and to their and euery of their seruants, factors, & deputies to be thereunto authorised by writing vnder the hands & seales of them or the suruiuors of them or of any three or more of them, at all times and from time to time during the space of One and Fortie yeares next and immediatly coming after the date hereof, to conuey & bring, or cause to be conueyed or brought into any the parts of this our Realme or the Dominions of the same from any the parts beyond ý seas, All and all maner of Wood & Woods called or knowen by the name or names of Log-wood and Block-wood and eyther of them, and all and euery such other Wood and Woods whatsoeuer by what name or names soeuer they are or shalbe called or knowen, which now be, or at any time heretofore haue bẽn prohibited or forbidden to be vsed in ý said Art or misterie of Dying, by any law, or statute of this our Realme of England in that case made and prouided, the said lawes or statutes, or any other law, statute, act of Parliament, or other matter or thing whatsoeuer to the contrarie notwithstanding.

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PAYING vnto vs our heires and successors such Customes, Subsidies, and other duties for all and euery the same Woods so to be brought in as is aforesaid, as are, or shall be due, answerable, or payable to vs, our heires, and successors of or for the same.

AND further we doe by these presents for vs, our heires, and successors, of our especiall grace, certen knowledge, and meere motion, giue and graunt vnto the said Sir Arthure Aston, John Acamonty, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, and to euery of them, their and euery of their executors, administrators and assignes & euery of them, and to their and euery of their seruants, factors, and deputies to be thereunto authorised by writing vnder the hands and seales of them or the suruiuors of them or of any three or more of them, full, free, and lawfull power, licence, and authoritie, that it shall or may be lawfull to them and euery of them during the Terme aforesaid, in all and euery Countie, Citie, towne Corporate, and other Townes, Villages, Hamblets, and other places within this Realme or any the Dominions thereof, aswell in places exempt as not exempt, to make, worke, commire, or compound, and cause to be made, wrought, commired, or compounded the said stuffe or stuffes with the said Woods or some of them to be made & compounded as is aforesaid and for the purpose before mentioned, And the same to vse in dying, or to vtter and sell the same to any the subiects of vs, our heires, and successors to be vsed in dying or colouring of any clothes or other commodities or things whatsoeuer within this our Realme or any the Dominions thereof, Any lawes, statutes, or ordinance to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding. AND also that it shall & may be lawfull to and for them and euery of them to whome the same stuffe or stuffes shalbe so sould (being subiects to vs our heires and successors, and being borne and liuing vnder the obedience of vs our heires & successors) their workemen, seruants, and apprentices to vse and occupie the said stuffe or stuffes so commired or compounded, or caused to be commired or compounded by them the said Sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, or any of them, their executors administrators or assignes or any of them, or by their or any of their seruants, factors, or deputies to be thereunto authorised by writing vnder the hands and seales of them or the suruiuors of them or of any three or more of them, in and for the dying and colouring of all & all maner of Woolles, Yarnes, Clothes, Berses, Dozens, Bayes, Sayes, Knit-hose, Cottons, Rugges, and other stuffes & commodities whatsoeuer within this our Realme or the Dominions therof in any house or houses, place or places by them or any of them to be employed for the same, being thought fit & conuenient for that purpose, Any law, statute, act of parliament, or ordinance, or other matter or thing to the contrarie in any wise notwithstanding.

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AND the Comodities and things with the said commirtion, composition, or dying stuffe so to be dyed as aforesaid, shall & may likewise be lawfully sold and vttered to any person or persons whatsoeuer, Any law, statute, act of parliament, ordinance, or other matter, cause, or thing whatsoeuer to the contrarie thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

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TO HAVE and to hould all & singuler the said Licences, powers, and authorities and other the premisses before in & by these presents graunted, to the said Sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, & Frauncis Blocke, and to euery of them, their and euerie of their executors, administrators, and assignes, from and after the date hereof vntill the end and terme of One and Fortie yeares from thence next ensuing & fully to be compleat and ended. AND forasmuch as our purpose, will, & pleasure is to auoid & suppresse in this our Realme & the Dominions thereof all & all maner of working in the Art or misterie of Dying with any maner of deceitfull woods not sufficiently commired or compounded as aforesaid, by what name or names soeuer they be called, other then such as shalbe so cõmired or compounded by the said sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, or any of them, their executors, administrators or assignes or any of them, or by their or any of their seruants, factors, or deputies or any of them to be thereunto authorised as aforesaid. WEE doe therefore of our especiall grace, certen knowledge, and meere motion by these presents nominate, ordaine and appoynt the saide sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, and Richard Harding, and euery of them, their and euery of their executors, administrators, deputies and assignes to be Searchers for & concerning the finding out of the said Woodes, and doe by these presents giue full power & authoritie vnto the said sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, and Richard Harding, and euery of them, their & euery of their executors, administrators & assignes, and to their & euery of their Deputies shewing forth these our Letters Patents, or the Duplicate, Transcript, or the Exemplification thereof at all times, & from time to time during the terme aforesaid in the day time with the Constable or other head Officer of the Towne, parish, or place at all conuenient times to Enter into euery Shippe, Barke Boat Bottome, Crayer, Lighter, or other Vessell, and into euery shoppe, celler, warehouse, place & places aswell within Cities, Townes corporate, market townes, villages, and hamblets, as in all other places aswell within liberties as without within this our Realme of England and the Dominions theref, in all conuenient, lawfull, & reasonable maner to search & find out all or any of the said deceyuable woods, & the same so found to seaze & dispose of as by the lawes and statutes of this our Realme of England is in that behalfe limited and appointed, or otherwise as shall seeme to them fit & conuenient for the making and compounding of the stuffe to die therewith as is before mentioned.

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entie to be e, or custome e paid for any idden woods, r than such as be brought in he said Paten- &c. l Customers, vpon euerie entrie to be ed, to giue nt notice to 'atentees, &c. e end the may be sea- and disposed cording to aw. Officers to ayding and ing to the Pa- es or their ues. uided alwaies, any of the sayd s be conuerted otherwise, than king the sayde , or if, the direc- sayd, it gh the de- of the Pa- die good ors, That their parts default, gnificati- voide.

AND furthermore wee doe hereby for vs, our heires, and successors forbid, and our expresse will and pleasure is, That no Customer, Controller, or Collector of the Customes or Subsidies of Tonnage or Pondage of vs our heires & successors, or any of our or their Farmers or Officers, shall at any time during the terme of yeares aboue mentioned accept of, or take any entrie, or receaue any custome or subsidie, or make any composition of or for any custome or subsidie of or for any Log-wood or Blockewood, or any other wood or woods commonly vsed in Dying, prohibited & forbidden by the lawes & statutes of this Realme of England, (or any of them) to be brought into this our Realme or other the Dominions of the same or any part thereof, other then of the said sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, or any of them, their executors, administrators or assignes or any of them, or their or any of their deputie or deputies thereunto authorised as is aforesaid, Any law, statute, custome, or vsage to the contrarie notwithstanding. AND wee doe further hereby will and appoint, that vpon euery such entrie to be offered to any the said Customers, Controllers, Farmers or Officers of any the Woods aforesaid by any other person or persons other then the said sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, or any of them, their executors administrators or assignes or any of them, or their or any of their Deputies thereunto authorised as aforesaid, euery such Customer, Controller, Collector, Farmer or Officer to whom any such entry shalbe offered, shall therof with all conuenient spẽd after euery such entry offered, Certifie the said sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, or one of them, or one of their executors, administrators, deputies, or assignes of the same, to the end that they & euery of them may cause the said Log-wood and Block-wood and other the woods aforesaid to be burned, according to the lawes of this Realme in that behalf made and prouided, or otherwise to dispose thereof as shalbe by them thought fit & conuenient for the making & compounding of the stuffe to Die therewith as is before mentioned. AND forasmuch as our further will and pleasure is, that these our Letters Patents and all things therein contained shalbe held in due regard, and be duly executed in all points aswel within Cities, Boroughes, townes corporate, Market townes, as in all other place & places whatsoeuer within this our Realme or the Dominions thereof, any Charters, Letters Patents, Priuiledges, liberties, grants, prescription, or restraint to the contrarie notwithstanding.

WEE doe therefore by these presents straightly charge, will, and require all and euery Justices of Peace, Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Gouernors of townes, Headboroughes, Constables, Aleneges, Customers, Controllers, Searchers, and all other our Officers, ministers, and subiects whatsoeuer within this our Realme or any the Dominions thereof or any part thereof, at all times and from time to time during the terme of yeares before by these presents graunted (as occasion shalbe offered) to be obedient, ayding, assisting and helping vnto the said sir Arthure Aston, John Acamontie, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, and euery of them, their & euery of their executors, administrators, deputies, factors, seruants, & assignes, and to euery or any of them, They or any of them shewing forth these our Letters Patents, or the Duplicate, Transcript, or Exemplification thereof for the performance, accomplishment, & due execution of these our Letters Patents in all things and by all things according to the purport, true intent, and plaine meaning of these presents.

PROVIDED alwaies nevertheless, That if the sayd sir Arthure Aston, John Acamonty, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, or any of them their or any of their executors, administrators, assignes, seruants, or deputies, shall wittingly and vnlawfully conuert any the said Woods so by them or any of them their or any of their meanes brought into this Realme or any the Dominions thereof, or seazed as aforesaid, otherwise than in compounding or miring the same to make and dye therewith such true and good colors as is before mentioned to be vndertaken by them, Or if vpon due proofe thereof made, it shall appeare and proue hereafter that the stuffe, so hereafter to be made or compounded by them or any of them, shall through any of their defaults, not dye or make good wearing colours as is aboue mentioned the Dyers vsing the same, working it vpon such grounds, and according to such directions as shalbe giuen by the sayd sir Arthure Aston, John Acamonty, Richard Harding, George Siluer, Robert Webbe, and Frauncis Blocke, or their assignes or the suruiuors of them or their assignes, or any three or more of them vnder their hands in writing, or by the executors or administrators of the suruiuors of them or any three or more of them vnder their hands in writing, That then and from thencefoorth the power, interest and terme before by these presents graunted of such and so many of them as so shall offend, or make default or shall procure or consent to any such offence or default contrarie to the true meaning of this Prouisoe, at the will and pleasure of vs, our heires and successors, in that behalfe to be signified vnder our Signe Manuell and priuie Signet, shall as to him or them onely that so shall offend or make default, or procure or consent to any such offence or default, be vtterly voide and of none effect. Any thing before mentioned to the contrarie thereof in any wise notwithstanding. AND yet neuertheless for the residue of them that shall not offend, or make default, nor procure or consent to any such offence or default as is aforesayd, These presents shall remaine in full strength and effect. This Prouisoe or any thing therein conteined to the contrarie notwithstanding. IN witnes whereof we haue caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witnes our selfe at Hatfield the Three and Twentieth day of August the yeare of our Raigne of England, Fraunce, and Ireland, the Second: and of Scotland, the Eight and Thirtieth.

Per Breue de priuato Sigillo. Wilkinson.

God saue the King.

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